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FOR AMBASSADORS

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: OTRA (MCGIFFERT, DAVID), MASS, MPOL, JO, EG, IS, US

SUBJECT: MIDDLE EAST TRIP OF DEFENSE ASSISTANT SECRETARY
MCGIFFERT

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1. REFTEL PROVIDED DETAILS OF PLANNED MIDDLE EAST VISIT
OF DOD/ISA ASSISTANT SECRETARY MCGIFFERT. YOU ARE AWARE
OF ROLE OF ISA AND IMPORTANCE TO OUR POLITICO-MILITARY
POLICIES OF EXCELLENT COORDINATION WHICH EXISTS BETWEEN
RELEVANT AREAS OF DEPARTMENT OF STATE AND ISA. WE
BELIEVE, THEREFORE, THAT ASSISTANT SECRETARY MCGIFFERT
SHOULD HAVE WIDEST POSSIBLE EXPOSURE TO VIEWS OF APPRO-
PRIATE SENIOR OFFICIALS IN HOST GOVERNMENTS AS WELL AS
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OPPORTUNITY FOR IN-DEPTH DISCUSSIONS WITH YOU AND YOUR
SENIOR COLLEAGUES IN EMBASSY.

2. IN ADDITION TO POLITICO-MILITARY ISSUES, MCGIFFERT
WILL BE INTERESTED IN WIDE RANGE OF BILATERAL AND FOREIGN
POLICY SUBJECTS. HE DESIRES MAXIMUM OPPORTUNITY TO VIEW
KEY GEOGRAPHY/TERRAIN AND WOULD LIKE TO HOLD FACILITY

TOURS AND CEREMONIAL ACTIVITIES TO MINIMUM CONSISTENT WITH PROTOCOL.

3. FOR AMMAN. IF YOU BELIEVE IT APPROPRIATE, MCGIFFERT WOULD LIKE TO MEET WITH KING HUSSEIN, IN ADDITION TO OTHER APPROPRIATE OFFICIALS.

4. FOR TEL AVIV. IN ADDITION TO DISCUSSIONS WITH DEFENSE MINISTER WEIZMAN, WE SUGGEST SESSION WITH FOREIGN MINISTER DAYAN AS WELL AS OTHER OFFICIALS YOU MAY DEEM APPROPRIATE. TOUR OF GOLAN, WEST BANK, AND SINAI WOULD BE MOST BENEFICIAL. SINCE OTHER DOD OFFICIALS WILL PROBABLY BE SEEKING VISITS TO TANK AND AIRCRAFT FACILITIES IN EARLY 1978, AND IN VIEW OF LIMITED TIME AVAILABLE TO MCGIFFERT IN ISRAEL, SUCH ARRANGEMENTS SHOULD NOT BE PURSUED FOR HIM, ALTHOUGH ANY ISRAELI OFFER OF SUCH A VISIT WHICH YOU REGARD AS ESPECIALLY VALUABLE SHOULD BE REFERRED TO WASHINGTON FOR FURTHER CONSIDERATION.

5. FOR CAIRO. WHILE NO PARTICULAR MILITARY MATTERS ARE CURRENTLY PENDING, WE REQUEST THAT YOU ARRANGE MEETINGS WITH GENERAL GAMASY ON MILITARY SITUATION AND WITH MFA OFFICIALS. TOUR OF CANAL ZONE TO INCLUDE SELECTED EAST BANK LOCATIONS IS DESIRED IF FEASIBLE.

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